

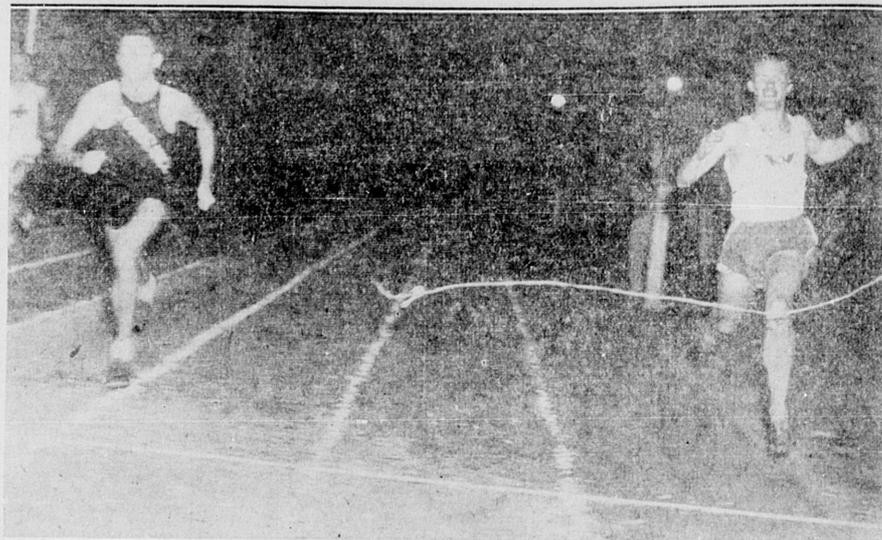
Pictorial Highlights of Lieut. Zamperini's Brilliant Athletic Career



WON IT THREE TIMES—Having flashed across the tape the winner of the mile event at the Long Beach Relays in 1938, 1939 and 1940, Zamperini took permanent possession of the huge Frosty Martin trophy March 16, 1940, when he was clocked at 4m. 22.2s. His spectacular sprint carried him to victory.

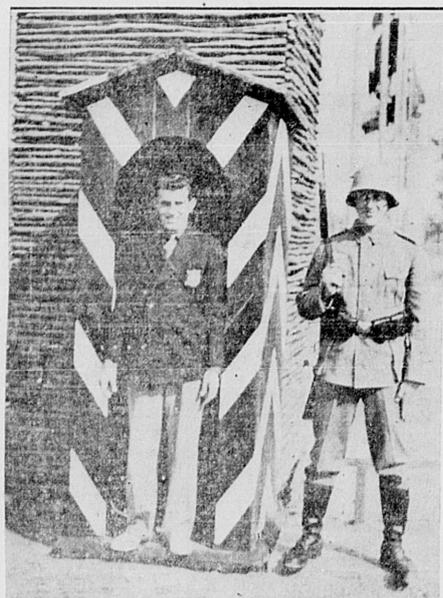


U.S.C. CO-CAPTAIN—In his last year of competition, Zamperini, shown here in a typical action shot, was co-captain of the Trojan track team. He was striving for the "4-minute mile" record but war-clouds were gathering and he hung up his spikes for a greater goal—that of victory for his beloved country.



5,000 METERS PLUS—At the Compton meet, May 12, 1936, Zamperini was forced to run from the second lane to the sixth when another runner cut in on the Torrance athlete, the judges dropped the tape and then found that Norman Bright, S. F.

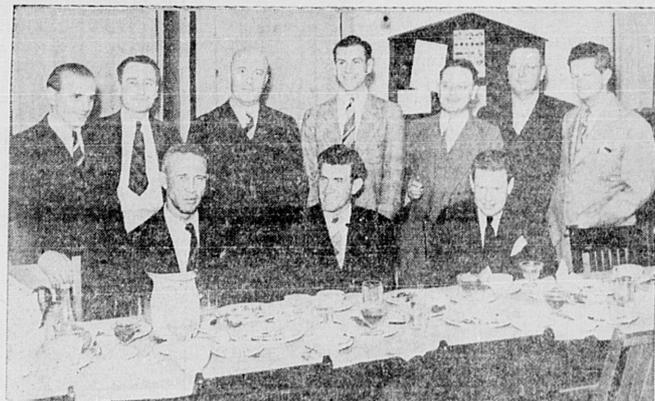
Olympic Club star, was the winner. Sports authorities always claimed that if Zamperini did not beat Bright, the race should have been called a tie. Controversy over this event lasted several months in metropolitan newspapers but the decision stood.



IN BERLIN, 1936—As the youngest member of the U. S. team that participated in the Olympic Games in Berlin, Louis Zamperini thoroughly enjoyed himself and discomfited the Nazis when he "swiped" a swastika flag for a souvenir. Here he poses in a German sentry's box, wearing the uniform of a U.S. Olympic team member. Torrance folk helped send him there.



TOP SPEED—This photo shows Zamperini's easy running form that enabled him to win so many races at home and abroad.



HOME-TOWN HONOR—A joint Torrance Rotary-Kiwanis dinner was given Zamperini May 26, 1938, after he was suspended from the Trojan track team for failure to appear at the Compton meet May 20, 1938. The affair proved a real vindication for the athlete. Standing at the top, l. to r.: Anthony Zamperini, Louis' father; Bob Lewellen, Publisher Grover C. Whyte, then president of the Rotary club; Pete Zamperini, Louis' elder brother; L. J. Gilmeister, W. H. Tolson, then mayor, and Postmaster Earl Conner. Seated, l. to r.: Zack Farmer, general manager of the 1932 Olympic Games Committee; Zamperini and Charles Padlock, now a Marine Corps captain.



BROTHER ATHLETES—Pete Zamperini, shown at left, contributed much to his younger brother's running style. Here they are during a workout at the Torrance high school field. Pete is now a petty officer in the Navy, stationed at San Diego. This photo was taken in June, 1936, after Louis set mile record.



DISPUTED DECISION—This is the end of the 5,000-meter race at Randall's Island, N. Y., July 12, 1936, which the judges held was a tie between Zamperini and Don Lash of Indiana. Both still and motion pictures showed the Torrance boy edged the Indianan by at least four inches. Louis wired home: "Judges called it a tie. Leave noon Wednesday for Berlin. Will run harder there." He did but the competition was too strong there.



WINNER—This is a glimpse of "the Torrance Flash" breasting another tape in a meet at the Coliseum in Los Angeles.

ZAMPERINI'S BEST MARKS

ABROAD

2 mile—at Glasgow, Scotland in August 1936; time 9:33; defeated Joe McCluskey.

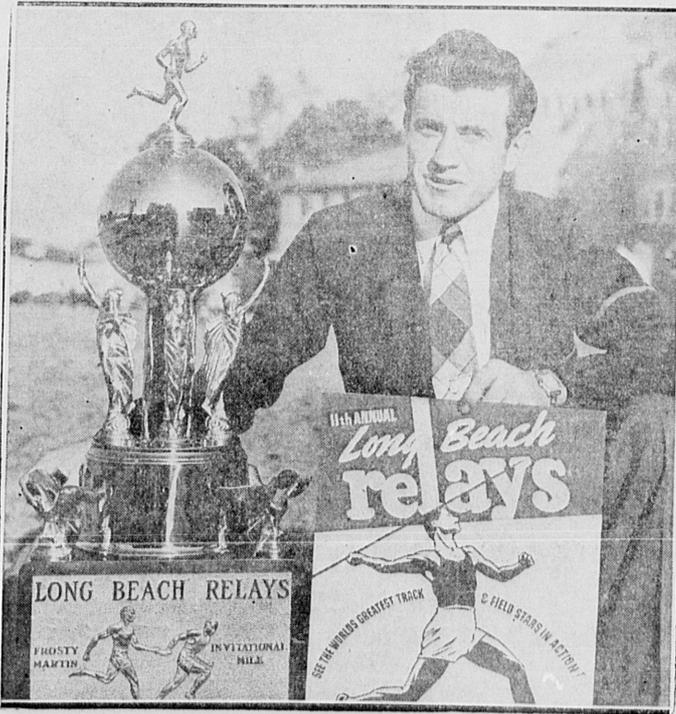
3 mile—British Empire meet at London, England, Aug. 15, 1936; time 14:37.2; finished third behind Jack Lovelock.

OLYMPICS

5000 meters—Berlin, Germany; time 14:46.8; finished seventh, first American runner to cross finish line.

BEST COLLEGE MARKS

880—in UC-USC dual meet at Berkeley, April 18, 1938; time 1:53.2; made 40 minutes after Coast conference; time 4:11.6.



WINS AT LONG BEACH—Here is Zamperini helping "plug" the Long Beach Relays of 1939. He stands beside the famed Frosty Martin mile trophy which he had won the previous year and then gained permanent possession after copping it for three successive times at these meets.

Four Records Still Retained by 'Torrance Flash'

Mile—May 25, 1940, at Pacific Coast conference; time 4:11.6.

Mile—ICAAAA at Randall's Island, New York City in 1939; time 4:11.

Mile—(indoor) at Madison Square Garden, New York City,

in 1940; time 4:07.6; a race in which four men finished under 4:08; Zamperini taking second.

Mile—ICAA at Minneapolis, Minn., June 18, 1938; time 4:08.3.

2 mile—ICAAAA at Los Angeles, April 22, 1939; time 9:12.8.

RECORDS STILL UNBROKEN

High school mile: 4:21.2.

Pacific Coast Conference mile: 4:11.6.

NCAA mile: 4:08.3.

ICAAAA 2 mile: 9:12.8.